

# CITY OF LEWISTON

**CITY COUNCIL**

**MAY 4, 1998**

## **6:00 P.M. BUDGET WORKSHOP**

THE HONORABLE KAILEIGH A. TARA, MAYOR, PRESIDING.

PRESENT: Councilors Lynch, Kelly, Gray, Albert, Samson, Bilodeau, Putnam, City Administrator Robert J. Mulready, and Assistant City Administrator Peter Crichton.

ALSO PRESENT: Finance Director Richard Metivier, and Purchasing Agent Norm Beauparlant.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Moment of Silence.

A review of the City Budget was made by City Administrator Robert Mulready. The City Administrator explained that the City Council requested adjustments in order to get to a no tax increase on the city side. The adjustments required to be at a zero tax rate increase totals \$340,566 for an adjusted budget of \$30,226,859. This is a 1.58% increase over the 1998 Fiscal Year Budget.

## **VOTE (1)**

Motion by Councilor Lynch, seconded by Councilor Bilodeau:

That the proposed 1998-99 Fiscal Year Budget be amended as recommended by the City Administrator as follows:

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
<b>REVENUES:</b>	
Chapel St. Parking Garage	-21,100.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUE ADJUSTMENTS</b>	<b>-21,100.00</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>	
Economic Development - LAEGC	-3,125.00
City Clerk-Salaries Reg.	-10,000.00
Storm Drainage-Ferry Rd. - Commercial	-20,000.00
Funds from South Ave. Project can be Reprogrammed to Ferry Rd.-Commercial	

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Solid Waste-Salaries Reg.	-2,000.00
Public Works Building-Janitorial	-2,462.00
Computer error in budget total, Outlay did not add into total	+2,116.00
Debt Service Principal	-130,000.00
Debt Service Interest	-124,795.00
Transit Subsidy	-18,950.00
MSRS-Employer Share	-30,000.00
Tax Sharing-Auburn	-1,350.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE - ADJUSTMENTS</b>	<b>-340,566.00</b>
<b>TOTAL NET IMPACT</b>	<b>-319,466.00</b>

Passed - Vote 7-0

The City Administrator thanked staff for their efforts. Councilors Putnam, Lynch and Kelly also commented on the work by the City Administrator, Finance Director and others responsible for achieving this budget.

Under the review of the School Budget, Councilor Albert acknowledged the responses by the Superintendent of Schools to several questions which had been raised at the City Council Meeting of April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Several people made public comments, including School Committee Members O'Brien, Paradis & St. Pierre. Also, Marge Parent of a local Parent Teachers Organization, Phil Brookhouse, Roland Butler, Crystal Ward, President of the Lewiston School Association, Lucien Marcoux, and John Butler.

In response to a remark by School Committee Ronella Paradis, Councilor Kelly suggested that the City Council and School Committee should meet during other times of the year, without the budget looming over everyone's head.

## **VOTE (2)**

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Motion by Councilor Putnam, seconded by Councilor Kelly:

That the proposed 1998-99 Fiscal Year Department of Education Budget be amended by reducing the proposed allocation of \$30,920,384.00 by \$2,084,399.00 for a total allocation of \$28,835,985.00.

Passed - Vote 6-1 Councilor Albert opposed.

## **VOTE (3)**

Motion by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Bilodeau:

To adjourn at 7:05 P.M. Passed - Vote 7-0

A true record, Attest:

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Kelly J. Mercier  
Deputy City Clerk  
Lewiston, Maine